Appl. No. 10/650,328

Response Date: 08/05/2005 Response to Office Action

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-6 and 8-33 are currently pending. Of these claims, Claims 1, 10, 15, 19, 26, and 30 are independent claims.

The Office Action dates June 27, 2005 rejected Claims 1-5 and 8-18 and objected to Claim 6. Per the foregoing amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-18. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and objection associated with these claims.

The Office Action of June 27, 2005 indicated that Claims 19-33 are allowed. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of these claims.

In view of the foregoing, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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